

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
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Serial No. NEW : **Docket No. 2001_1837A**
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KEY MANAGEMENT DEVICE/METHOD/
PROGRAM, RECORDING MEDIUM,
REPRODUCING DEVICE/METHOD,
RECORDING DEVICE, AND COMPUTER-
READABLE, SECOND RECORDING
MEDIUM STORING THE KEY MANAGEMENT
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A duly executed oath or declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63 will be submitted after notification by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(f).

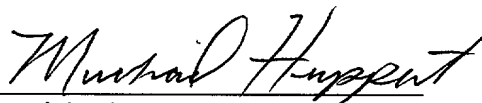
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The required U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Filing Fee is submitted herewith.

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Title: KEY MANAGEMENT DEVICE/METHOD/PROGRAM, RECORDING MEDIUM, REPRODUCING DEVICE/METHOD, RECORDING DEVICE, AND COMPUTER-READABLE, SECOND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING THE KEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

of which is described and claimed in:

() the attached specification, or

(X) the specification in application Serial No. _____, filed December 14, 2001, and with amendments through _____, or

() the specification in International Application No. _____, filed _____, and as amended on _____ (if applicable).

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	2000-384389	December 18, 2000	YES


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